
F. PROVIDER RATE STRUCTURES

Effective January 19, 2002

WAC 388-290-0180 When are the WCCC program subsidy rates in this chapter effective?

DSHS child care subsidy rates in this chapter are effective on or after January 1, 2002 when a family:

1. Has a household change that requires their authorization to be updated;
2. Is newly authorized to receive child care subsidies; or
3. Is reauthorized to continue receiving child care subsidies.

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WAC 388-290-0185 How does the WCCC program set rates when my child is five years old?

The rate paid for a five year old child is:

1. The preschool rate for a child who has not entered kindergarten; or
2. The school-age rate for a child who has entered kindergarten.

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Effective March 1, 2003

WAC 388-290-0190 What does the WCCC program pay for and when can the program pay more?

1. We pay for:
 - a. Basic child care hours, either full day, half day or hourly;
 - i. A full day of child care is authorized to licensed / certified facilities and seasonal day camps that have contracted with us to provide subsidized child care when care is needed for five or more hours per day;
 - ii. A half day of child care is authorized to licensed / certified facilities when care is needed for less than 5 hours per day; and
 - iii. Hourly child care is authorized when the provider is an in-home / relative.
 - b. A registration fee (under [WAC 388-290-0245](#));
 - c. An activity fee (under [WAC 388-290-0245](#));
 - d. An infant bonus (under [WAC 388-290-0250](#)); and
 - e. Special needs when the child has a documented need for a higher level of care (under WAC 388-290-0220, 388-290-0225, 388-290-0230, and 388-290-0235).
2. We pay more than the basic child care subsidy daily rate if:
 - a. Care is not available at the our daily rate within a reasonable distance then the provider's usual daily rate is authorized; or
 - b. Care is over ten hours per day then an additional amount of care is authorized.

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WAC 388-290-0200 What daily rates does DSHS pay for child care in a licensed or certified child care center or DSHS contracted seasonal day camps?

We pay the lesser of the following to a licensed or certified child care center or seasonal day camp that has a contract with us to provide subsidized child care:

1. The provider's usual daily rate for that child; or
2. The DSHS maximum child care subsidy daily rate for that child as listed in the following table.

		Infants (birth - 11 months)	Toddlers (12 - 29 months)	Preschool (30 months - 5 years)	School age (5 - 12 years)
Region 1	full-day	\$24.32	\$20.45	\$19.32	\$18.18
	half-day	\$12.16	\$10.23	\$9.66	\$9.09
Region 2	full-day	\$24.55	\$20.50	\$19.00	\$16.82
	half-day	\$12.27	\$10.25	\$9.50	\$8.41
Region 3	full-day	\$32.50	\$27.09	\$23.41	\$22.73
	half-day	\$16.25	\$13.55	\$11.70	\$11.36
Region 4	full-day	\$37.82	\$31.59	\$26.50	\$23.86
	half-day	\$18.91	\$15.80	\$13.25	\$11.93
Region 5	full-day	\$27.73	\$23.86	\$21.00	\$18.64
	half-day	\$13.86	\$11.93	\$10.50	\$9.32
Region 6	full-day	\$27.27	\$23.41	\$20.45	\$20.00
	half-day	\$13.64	\$11.70	\$10.23	\$10.00

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WAC 388-290-0205 What daily rates does DSHS pay for child care in a licensed or certified family child care home?

1. We pay the lesser of the following to a licensed or certified family child care home:
 - a. The provider's usual daily rate for that child; or
 - b. The DSHS maximum child care subsidy daily rate for that child as listed in the following table.

		Infants (birth - 11 months)	Toddlers (12 - 29 months)	Preschool (30 months - 5 years)	School age (5 - 12 years)
Region 1	full-day	\$20.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$16.00
	half-day	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$8.00
Region 2	full-day	\$20.00	\$19.00	\$17.00	\$17.00
	half-day	\$10.00	\$9.50	\$8.50	\$8.50
Region 3	full-day	\$29.00	\$25.00	\$22.00	\$20.00
	half-day	\$14.50	\$12.50	\$11.00	\$10.00
Region 4	full-day	\$30.00	\$29.67	\$25.00	\$24.00
	half-day	\$15.00	\$14.83	\$12.50	\$12.00
Region 5	full-day	\$22.00	\$20.00	\$19.00	\$17.00
	half-day	\$11.00	\$10.00	\$9.50	\$8.50
Region 6	full-day	\$22.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$19.00
	half-day	\$11.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$9.50

2. The family child care home WAC 388-155-010 allows providers to provide care to children with a birth through eleven years of age range exclusively. In order for a family home provider to provide care for a twelve-year-old or older child, the provider must obtain a child-specific and time-limited waiver from their child care licensor.

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WAC 388-290-0240 What is the DSHS child care subsidy rate for in-home / relative child care and how is it paid?

1. When you employ an in-home /relative provider, the maximum we for child care is the lesser of the following:
 - a. Two dollars and six cents per hour for the child who needs the greatest number of hours of care and one dollar and three cents per hour for the care of each additional child in the family; or
 - b. The provider's usual hourly rate for that care.
2. We may pay above the maximum hourly rate for children who have special needs under [WAC 388-290-0235](#).
3. When care is provided by an in-home / relative provider, we pay benefits directly to you, defined as the consumer in [WAC 388-290-0005](#).
4. On all payments we make toward the cost of in-home / relative child care, when appropriate we pay the employer's share, on behalf of the client, of:
 - a. Social Security and Medicare taxes (FICA);
 - b. Federal Unemployment Taxes (FUTA); and
 - c. State unemployment taxes (SUTA) when applicable.
5. On all payments we make toward the cost of in-home / relative child care we withhold Medicare taxes and Social Security taxes (FICA) up to the wage base limit.
6. If an in-home / relative child care provider receives less than the wage base limit per family in a calendar year, we refund all withheld taxes to the provider.

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CLARIFYING INFORMATION

NOTE: See the Special Circumstances - [A. - Special Needs](#) if there is an older child with special needs who also requires hourly care.

1. The age categories for licensed / certified child care are:
 - a. Infant, age 0 - 11 months,
 - b. Toddler, age 12 - 29 months,
 - c. Preschooler, age 30 months - 5 years, and
 - d. School-Age children, age 5 -12 years
2. When a child's age changes to the next age group, the effective date of the rate change is the first of the following month. The SSPS 039 "Foster Care / Day Care Birthday Tickler" report is available through the SSPS COLD Reports. Use this report as needed to make appropriate changes to the authorization.
3. The WCAP provides an edit that indicates that a child will change into another age category during an authorization period. The service line for that specific child can then be set to expire at the end of the "birthday month". An 'alert' is also automatically generated in the WCAP for that child as a reminder to change the rate on the appropriate date.

Determining Usual Rates

1. The 'usual' rate is what a provider charges a non-subsidized (private pay) family for the same type of care. Authorization is always for the DSHS rate or the provider's rate, whichever is less. The provider must declare his or her customary rate on Part 2 of the WCCC application, which is the provider information section, DSHS 14-417, or to the AW verbally (licensed providers only), prior to plan approval.
2. Use the following process if a provider indicates their rates as weekly or monthly rather than daily:
 - a. Divide the weekly rate by five (5) to get a daily rate, or
 - b. Divide the monthly rate by twenty-two (22) to get a daily rate.

Authorizing Payment for Relatives Who Are Also Licensed Family Homes

Payment is made at the Licensed Family Home rate if:

1. A child is receiving care at the relative's Licensed Family home, or
2. The child, who is receiving care at the relative's Licensed Family Home, is also living in that home.

Authorizing Payment for a Licensed Provider in a Different Region

If the consumer's residence and the licensed / certified provider are located in different regions, within the state, the payment rate is based on the regional rate in which the provider is located.